

Torrance, California  
May 13, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 13, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remel-  
meyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Paul Slonecker led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley joined the meeting at 8:01 P. M.

Reverend Hugh Percy of St. Andrews Episcopal Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 1958, meeting of the Council as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the:  
Opening of Bids for Furnishing Janitorial Supplies.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen reported he had checked with the City Attorney, as there were 56 items on this bid, and found that the bids can be opened but not read and referred to the proper person for analysis and recommendation, and the bids can be made a part of the record as those bids on sporting goods were, which were opened last week.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.  
City Manager Stevens opened the bids summarized herewith:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM:</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE:</u>
People's Chemical Co. 7108 So. Central Ave. Los Angeles 1, Calif.	1. Liquid Soap	\$ 88.00
	5. 26-qt. pails w/casters	15.00
	6. Plastic Brushes w/ handles	45.00
	7. 24 oz. mops	30.00
	8. 18" metal floor squeegees	6.00
	9. 24" metal floor squeegees	14.00
	12. 12" deck scrub brushes	5.10
	13. #911 Janitor corn brooms	7.50
	14. #806 toilet brushes	10.80
	15. Rubber gloves	18.00
	16. 36" rubon dust mop	6.00
	17. Johnson Cream Wax or equal	10.80
	18. 8" counter brushes	6.00
	19. #961 dust pans	2.40
	20. #972 long handle dust pans	12.00
	21. 12-qt. water pails	3.20
	22. Window Cleaner	3.00
	24. Mercury Continuous sprayers	4.00

BIDDER:

People's Chemical Co.,  
(Cont.)

(duplication on bid call)

ITEM:

TOTAL PRICE:

25. #10 DuPont Sponges	\$ 12.00
26. #848 - 24" garage brushes	57.60
27. Cement cleaner	99.00
28. Modess Napkins	11.00
29. Ammoniated Tile Cleaner	108.00
30. 26-qt. mop bucket	14.00
30. Mop press 20/32 oz.	7.50
31. Wet mop fillers	30.00
32. Wet mop handles	9.60
33. 36" fiber center brooms	18.00
34. 24" push broom fiber	24.00
35. Deck Scrub Brushes	7.20
36. Corn Brooms	20.40
37. Long Handle Lby. Pckp. Dust Pans	18.00
38. Rubon Dust Mop Fillers	12.00
39. Block Brace & Handle	8.00
40. Air Plane Dust Mop Fillers	No Bid
41. Ajax Cleaner	16.56
42. Bon Ami Cleaner (Cake)	No Bid
43. Seat Covers (Toilet)	53.00
44. Sweep Compound Oil Base	40.00
45. Deo Tabs	31.20
46. Modess Sanitary Napkins	44.00
47. White rags	336.00
48. Water Wax	700.00
49. Wall Cleaner	60.00
50. Heavy House Brooms	18.00
51. Wire Center Push Brooms 18"	54.00
24"	66.00
52. Scott Tissue or equal	273.00
53. Scott Towels or equal	186.75
54. Stiener Towels or equal	No Bid
55. Twin Fold Tissue or equal	278.75
56. Parkers Furn. Polish or equal	5.40
57. Spirit Wax	63.00

Turco Products, Inc.  
Terminal Annex 2649  
Los Angeles 54 Calif.

2. Turco Lustrite	\$ 68.75
22. Turco Glyst Concentrate	9.60
27. Turco Pinesan	78.10
48. Turco X-OL Water Wax	1186.00
49. Turco Wall Cleaner	57.60
57. Spirit Wax	44.10

Empire Chemical Co.  
715 Lamar St.  
Los Angeles 31, Calif.

1. Liquid Soap	\$ 93.50
2. Janikleen or equal	63.25
5. 26-qt. Pails	20.70
6. 36" Plastic Brushes	59.50
7. 24-oz. Mops	33.60
8. 18" Metal Floor Squeegees	7.00
9. 24" Metal Floor Squeegees	15.60
10. #850 36" Floor Brushes	18.96
11. #850 24" Floor Brushes	5.80
12. 12" Deck Scrub Brushes	7.32
13. #911 Janitor Corn Brooms	11.22
14. #806 Toilet Brushes	5.16
15. Rubber Gloves	9.90
16. 36" Rubon Dust Mop	6.98
17. Johnson Cream Wax or equal	5.70
18. 8" Counter Brushes	9.90

BIDDER:

ITEM:

## TOTAL PRICE:

Empire Chemical Co., (Cont.)

Empire Chemical Co.,  
715 Lamar St.  
Los Angeles 31, Calif.

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bid form)

A. W. Ball Co.  
3470 W. First St.  
Los Angeles 4, Calif.

19.	#961 Dust Pans	\$ 2.80
20.	#972 Long handle Dust Pans	11.40
21.	12-qt. water pails	3.88
22.	Window Cleaner	2.00
23.	Rid-O-Sec Fly Spray or eql.	25.50
24.	Mercury Continuous Spray- ers or eql.	3.14
25.	#10 DuPont Sponges	1.78
26.	#848-24" Garage Brushes	108.00
27.	Cement Cleaner	129.25
28.	Modess Napkins	24.75
29.	Hygeno	10.00
29.	Ammoniated Tile Cleaner	75.00
* 30.	26-qt. Mop Bucket	20.70
31.	Wet Mop Fillers	25.20
32.	Wet Mop handles	11.52
33.	36" Fiber Center Brooms	18.96
34.	24" Push Broom Fiber Center	23.20
35.	Deck Scrub Brushes	7.32
36.	Corn Brooms	22.44
37.	Long Handle Lby. Pckp. Dust Pans	17.10
38.	Rubon Dust Mop Fillers	17.12
39.	Block Brace & Handle	6.30
40.	Air Plane Dust Mop Fillers	28.56
41.	Ajax Cleaner	14.85
42.	Bon Ami Cleaner	6.70
43.	Seat Covers (Toilet)	66.68
44.	Sweep Compound Oil Base	39.00
45.	Deo Tabs	47.52
46.	Modess Sanitary Napkins	24.75
47.	White Rags	544.00
48.	Water Wax	625.00
49.	Wall Cleaner	50.70
50.	Heavy House Brooms	17.40
51.	Wire Center Push Brooms	81.00
52.	Scott Tissue or eql.	291.25
53.	Scott Towels or eql.	196.25
55.	Twin Fold Tissue or eql. 4"	312.50
	4½"	337.00
56.	Furniture Polish	1.89
57.	Spirit Wax	52.50
* 30.	Mop Press	10.50
1.	Liquid Soap	\$ 88.00
2.	Janikleen or eql.	55.00
5.	26-qt. pails w/castors	16.30
6.	36" Plastic Brushes	No Bid
7.	24-oz. Mops	23.20
8.	18" Metal Floor Squeegees	5.80
9.	24" Metal Floor Squeegees	14.00
10.	#850 36" Floor Brushes	13.80
11.	#850 24" Floor Brushes	4.90
12.	12" Deck Scrub Brushes	4.80
13.	#911 Janitor Corn Brooms	9.60
14.	#806 Toilet Brushes	4.80
15.	Rubber Gloves	No Bid
16.	36" Rubon Dust Mop	4.75
21.	8" Counter Brushes	5.70
21.	12-qt. Water Pails	7.00
23.	Rid-O-Sec Fly Spray or eql.	25.00

BIDDER:

A. W. Ball Co. (Cont.)  
 3470 W. First St.  
 Los Angeles 4, Calif.

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 bid form)

ITEM:TOTAL PRICE:

25.	#10 DuPont Sponges/eql.	\$ 13.50
26.	#848-24" Garage Brushes	60.00
27.	Cement Cleaner	No Bid
28.	Modess Napkins	12.40
29.	Bowl Cleaner	6.00
29.	Ammoniated Tile Cleaner	75.00
30.	26-qt. mop bucket/casters	16.30
30.	Mop press-	8.15
31.	Wet mop fillers	No Bid
32.	Wet Mop handles	9.00
33.	36" Fiber Cntr. Push Brooms	No Bid
34.	24" Push Broom	19.60
35.	Deck Scrub Brushes	4.80
36.	Corn Brooms	19.20
37.	Long Handle Lby. Pckp. Dust Pans	13.50
38.	Rubon Dust Mop Fillers	11.60
39.	Block Brace & Handle	3.00
40.	AirPlane Dust Mop Fillers	19.20
41.	Ajax Cleaner	15.75
43.	Seat Covers (Toilet)	54.00
44.	Sweep Compound Oil Base	32.00
45.	Deo Tabs	31.20
46.	Modess Sanitary Napkins	49.60
47.	White Rags	480.00
48.	Water Wax	725.00
49.	Wall Cleaner	27.00
50.	Heavy House Brooms	19.20
52.	Scott Tissue or eql.	268.75
53.	Scott Towels or eql.	175.00
55.	Twin Fold Tissue/eql.	276.25
57.	Spirit Wax	52.50

EASTERDAY SUPPLY CO.  
 901 E. 61st St.  
 Los Angeles 1, Calif.

1.	Liquid Soap	\$ 80.30
2.	Janikleen	49.50
5.	26-qt. pails/casters	18.20
6.	24" #848-A plastic brushes	23.46
7.	24 oz. Mops	33.84
8.	18" Metal floor squeegees	5.30
9.	24" metal floor squeegees	12.80
10.	#850 36" floor brushes	15.80
11.	#850 24" floor brushes	4.65
12.	12" Deck Scrub Brushes	5.64
13.	#911 Janitor Corn Brooms	11.64
14.	#806 Toilet Brushes	4.32
15.	Rubber Gloves	18.89
16.	36" Rubon Dust Mop	5.52
17.	Cream Wax	5.80
18.	8" Counter Brushes	6.00
19.	#961 Dust Pans	2.76
20.	#972 Long Handle Dust Pans	10.08
21.	12-qt. water pails	4.52
22.	Window Cleaner	1.90
23.	Fly Spray	15.50
24.	Mercury Cont. Sprayers	3.64
25.	#10 DuPont Sponges	
	#8	10.08
	#10	14.16
26.	#848-24" garage brushes	61.20
27.	Cement Cleaner	68.20
28.	Modess Napkins	12.45





Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard concerning this Case.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close this Hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of this Change of Zone.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said that during the Pre-Council meeting, there had been a discussion of the problems concerning rubbish pick up in the City, and Councilman Jahn had informally moved that as a matter of policy and principle the City continue to pick up rubbish rather than employ a private contractor to do this. Councilman Benstead had seconded that, and the Council had unanimously approved this.

Councilman Jahn said he would be glad to renew his motion if it were necessary, but it was agreed by the Council and the City Attorney that it would not be.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

Mr. John M. Simmons, a City employee, presented a letter which he asked to read.

Mayor Isen said copies of the letter had gone to the individual Councilmen, and that the letter would be ordered spread in the Minutes in full. He did not believe it necessary to read the letter.

Mr. Simmons thanked the Council for their action in this.

The letter Mr. Simmons presented was dated May 13, 1958, and read as follows:

"To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

As Chairman of a committee nominated by Local Union #1135 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, I and the committee members are here in regards to the discharge of 43 Civil Service employees of the Sanitation Department - if the contract to pick up combustible rubbish is given to a private contractor.

We are tax conscious and the City Administration is out to hold the line on taxes and all taxpayers appreciate their efforts.

We still feel that the picking up of rubbish is a municipal job and does help to keep our city clean.

The employees of a private contractor will not be residents of Torrance and naturally will not spend any money with the merchants of Torrance because their homes are elsewhere. At the last meeting of the Council on May 6, 1958, you had a Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce that all employers of Torrance give preference to residents of Torrance. This, of course, means City of Torrance employees.

If the employees of the Sanitation Dept. are discharged, it means that 13.5 of city employees, exclusive of the Fire and Police Departments, will be laid off.

We would like to point out the effect on the morale of Civil Service Employees if this contract to pick up combustible rubbish for a private contractor is made. What department will be contracted out next?

To the housewives of Torrance, the picking up of their trash is a very personal problem. They rely on the City to do the work and know they will get personal attention from the Sanitation Department.

For many years the Street Department has picked up combustible rubbish with dispatch - and in a workmanlike manner. There have been very few complaints -- .0001 complaints monthly.

For these reasons, we petition the Honorable Mayor and City Council not to sign a contract with a private contractor to pick up combustible rubbish, causing the discharge of 43 well-trained and industrious employees of the Sanitation Dept."

The letter was signed "For Local #1135, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, by John M. Simmons, Chairman, J. Cox, Roy Thompson, George E. Webel, and W. Volmerding.

Mr. Hickey, 368 Calle Mayor, spoke in favor of the City continuing this service, and suggested that charges not paid promptly be added to tax bills against real property.

Mayor Isen suggested to the City Attorney that he wished to have the record show that he wanted a written opinion from Mr. Remelmeyer on whether or not rubbish collection fees could be charged against real property.

No one else wished to be heard in this matter.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A May 5, 1958, letter from the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division, submitted a proposed amendment to their By-Laws which will be voted upon at the regular general meeting to be held in Santa Fe Springs on May 15, 1958.

There were no objections and this was ordered filed as a matter of record.

2. A May 2, 1958, letter from Senator Wm. F. Knowland transmitted a copy of an April 30, 1958 letter from Verne Scoggins, Regional Director of the Post Office Dept., Regional Office, 870 Market St., San Francisco. The letter from Mr. Scoggins to Senator Knowland explained that our request for a change of boundaries for postal service would require considerable study to determine the wishes of the residents and the feasibility of such action. Mr. Scoggins advised that he would notify the Senator upon completion of their investigation.

3. A May 5, 1958, letter from Cecil R. King, Congressman, submitted to the Council an identical letter he had received from Mr. Scoggins concerning our request for postal service boundary changes.

Councilman Jahn moved these two communications be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen commented that the two post offices concerned, besides our own, would be the Redondo Beach and Gardena post offices. He explained that this was the time for the Chamber of Commerce, the civic organizations and the service clubs of all kinds to get behind this effort and support it. He called on the newspapers and other media to help us in this effort to unify our postal service.

4. A May 7, 1958, letter from the Torrance Scout Center, Inc., 1415 Acacia Avenue, signed by W. E. Walton, Chairman, requested a free building permit for the construction of a building to be used by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved to grant this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked Building Superintendent Schlens if this would receive the regular building inspections even if the building permit is free, and Mr. Schlens replied that it would.

Motion to grant the request carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. A letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John G. L. Crain, President, which was received in the office of the City Manager on May 5, 1958, extended their congratulations to the Mayor and various Councilmen upon election.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated May 9, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase one Rex Model 90M Centrifugal Pump Unit with 20' of 6" suction hose, the sum of \$1,000 plus tax. Up to May 3rd there was a rental charge of \$400 for this equipment, which can be credited as part of the \$1,000 cost.

Councilman Benstead asked if this was an electric or portable pump.

The City Manager replied that it was portable, and we have used it for some time.

2. For the purchase of 302.5 lineal feet of 6" pipe with couplers, the sum of \$464.08, including sales tax. Rental costs in the amount of \$75.60 can be credited to the above cost. This pipe will be used for draining sumps and low areas during winter rains.

Councilman Benstead asked what kind of pipe this is, and the City Manager replied that it is invasion pipe with special couplings; it is a plain steel pipe and we use it every year during the heavy rains.

3. For rental of DC-8 Caterpillar Tractor for work at the City Dump at \$16.50 per hour. It is estimated that the Tractor will be needed approximately 14 days.
4. To Arrow Engineering for engineering services during the month of April, 1958, the sum of \$408.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with recommendations 1-4 inclusive as presented by the City Manager under "Appropriations".

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

FOR INFORMATION:

"We are receiving numerous letters, stating positions of pro and con for the proposed cat ordinance and the proposed ordinance eliminating dairies. These communications will be held until the date of hearings, unless otherwise directed by the City Council."

Mayor Isen suggested these be held until the time of the Hearings, and tabulated for the information of the Council, with any unusual points brought out. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Beasley asked if the cards are of the same type and content.

The City Manager said they seem to be typical cards. They are primarily in favor of retaining the dairies. The cards are being tabulated as they come in. He said some large petitions favoring retaining the dairies have also been filed.

Councilman Jahn told the City Manager that complaints had been received from the audience because they could not hear what the City Manager said, and suggested that a new microphone of the type used by the Councilmen be bought for the City Manager.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the Mayor

ordering that a microphone of the same type be ordered for the City Attorney's use as well.

2. In a letter dated May 9, the City Manager wrote as follows:

"At the last Council meeting I recommended that the City accept Alternate "C" on the bid for buildings at the new City Yard. Alternate "C" included masonry walls along the west side of the building facing Madrona Avenue, and the south side of the building facing the lumber yard.

"The competitive bidder, who was low on Alternates "A" and "B" for the construction, contends that spending money for masonry walls at the City Yard is a waste of money. The following should be considered in the construction of the buildings at the City Yard:

- "1. If the very cheapest first-cost building is desired, the complete steel building is the cheapest. This does not mean that it is the cheapest over the life of the building.
- "2. Construction of masonry walls is not a waste of money. Most industrial buildings have masonry or concrete walls. Even where steel buildings are used, the front or side on a street often have masonry walls. Building with a more durable and maintenance-free material is not a waste of money, it is usually saving money.
- "3. We are building our City Yard on a permanent basis. The buildings will contain offices, restrooms, storage rooms and will accomodate the garage personnel. Certainly such usage warrants as good construction as can be obtained within the budget.
- "4. Many city Yards are shielded by a high masonry wall built separately from the buildings. Torrance will have this wall incorporated into the building.
- "5. A survey of the City Yards in our vicinity indicates a wide use of masonry, especially in the newer buildings."

Mayor Isen explained that the bid was ordered last week, and a representative from Empire Steel Buildings was dissatisfied then as he felt he had not been heard. The Mayor had asked this be brought back for the pleasure of the Council.

The recommendation of Lee Schlens, Bldg. Supt., with concurrence of the City Manager, dated May 2, 1958, and submitted to the Council at their meeting of May 6, 1958, was re-submitted to the Council. Mr. Schlens had recommended that Alternate "C", on which Pascoe Steel was the low bidder, be accepted and that Pascoe Steel be given the bid.

Councilman Beasley moved to reconsider this matter.

Councilman Jahn asked if there were any new facts, saying if there were he would be willing to reconsider this.

The City Manager said he had some facts.

Mayor Isen explained this did not mean we would change the award, and as there were no objections, he ordered the motion carried.

Mr. George Sterns, 238 Calle Mayor, who said he was a citizen of Torrance and a representative for Empire Steel Buildings, presented a petition to the City Clerk which he said contained signatures from citizens of Torrance requesting that the City not construct the masonry walls, but paint the all-steel buildings instead. Mr. Sterns proceeded to speak to the Council at some length on the disadvantages of building these masonry walls. He pointed out the expense, and said the appearance would not be better, and they would serve no real purpose in muffling noise.

Mr. Sterns presented to the Council artists' renderings of the buildings with the masonry walls and without them but painted. He contended that one was as attractive as the other.



Mayor Isen asked who had bid lowest on Alternate "A".

Mr. Sterns replied that Empire Steel was lowest on that Alternate, but said Pascoe had submitted a bid which was even lower on another alternate bid.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens, in reply to a question, said that bid from Pascoe had not been submitted to the Council because it had not met the specifications set up for the bid.

Councilman Drale explained that we expect to have offices in the buildings, and he felt they should be of good appearance.

Councilman Bradford said many Aircraft factories have offices of the steel construction, and he believed they were very good looking.

Mr. Sterns discussed the area where the buildings will be, and added that he would appreciate the Council giving this due consideration.

In reply to a question, Mr. Sterns said the average life of a steel building is about 10 years, but there are some in Torrance which are much older.

Councilman Benstead said he knew this, and he knew those buildings were continually being painted and mended, and that they need to be re-roofed every few years.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens, in reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, said the Staff had considered this matter carefully. The only reason they had not recommended a concrete block building with a lifetime roof was that the amount of money they had to work with was limited. They had tried to stay within \$2 per square foot. He added that they had visited other modern City Yards, and found most of them have high block walls around them, to protect the contents. It was their belief that by this method of building which was recommended, it would save part of the cost of the block wall later. A 10' block wall on those two streets would cost about \$6,000; it had been their feeling they were saving the City money, and we would have 480' of 14' block wall for a safety factor. The cost of this as estimated under this bid will be about \$1.97 per square foot. He explained that more than a hundred new dwellings are being built in that area, and that the people who live in them will consider all metal buildings an eyesore eventually. So far as the lumber yard adjoining this property is concerned, Mr. Schlens pointed out that they had been considerate enough to put a nice redwood fence around their property.

Councilman Jahn asked what would protect the other sides of the buildings if the concrete block walls are built on only two sides.

Mr. Schlens said the building is being built in a "U" shape, so when enlargement is needed, the ends of the "U" can be extended. The entire yard will have to be fenced. He said the busses will be stored there, tools, etc., and that there will be gas pumps there.

Mayor Isen asked if that fence will be connected to the building, and Mr. Schlens said it would.

Mr. Schlens said most cities build block wall fences around their yards for protection.

Councilman Jahn asked what this would protect, and whether there would not be people working there most of the time.

Mr. Schlens told which of our equipment would be stored in the yards, and the City Manager said the people there at night would be working and would not have much time to watch.

The City Manager explained why he did not think it would be a waste of money to build these concrete block walls, and, in fact it would be cheaper in the long run. He told about visiting City Yards in other cities, and how the modern ones are almost all walled with fences of this type.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Sterns' company had bid this building, having quoted a price almost a thousand dollars higher than the bid accepted.

Councilman Jahn asked if these walls are being built to handle truss walls later, and the Bldg. Supt. said they are not.

Mayor Isen thought that in our present financial condition we should save this \$7,000 if possible, saying that in a few years we could do better when our financial position is better.

Mr. Jim Mackey of Pascoe Steel explained their idea in bidding on the all-steel building, giving the lowest bid, but one not called for and therefore not submitted. Their price on that alternate was \$58,283. He submitted samples of the panel they would use to the Council. He gave various reasons why their buildings would suit our uses.

Councilman Benstead asked the gauge of steel they would use, and Mr. Mackey said they would meet the specifications.

Councilman Jahn asked whether this action of reconsidering the bids under motion was the same as opening bids.

The City Attorney believed we had a contract after our action of the last meeting, whether or not the Resolution had been drawn up.

He explained that the Notice to Bidders had been published, and the acceptance of the bid thereafter, he believed, constituted a contract. The Council had the right to reconsider this, Mr. Remelmeyer added, but that did not alter the rights of the bidder.

Councilman Beasley asked the point of all the discussion.

At the request of the Mayor, Bldg. Supt. Schlens outlined the many advantages of the plans and specifications prepared.

Councilman Blount pointed out that Pascoe answered our call for bids, and asked that the record show the bid had been accepted. He read the motion accepting their bid from the Minutes of the meeting of May 6, 1958.

Mayor Isen thought that was not a contract until it was in writing, saying the Minutes merely record what has been done here.

The City Attorney reiterated his belief this constituted a contract.

Mayor Isen asked if Pascoe would insist on the City being bound by their previous action or whether they would leave the bid open.

Mr. Mackey did not answer the question.

Mr. Sterns said he had not been heard last week, although he had waited for the opportunity.

Councilman Beasley believed the bid accepted would be a better building. He believed we would be glad we had provided this block construction.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business.

Councilman Jahn moved to reaffirm the award of the bid on Alternate "C" to Pascoe.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said while he had voted for the motion, he still would ask the City Attorney to research his statement that the action taken at the last meeting on this would constitute a contract, and give the Council a written opinion on it.

The City Attorney said he would do this in time for the next meeting.

3. With a memo dated May 9, 1958, the City Manager submitted a job description for the Deputy City Attorney for the Council's consideration and approval.

Councilman Benstead thought that previous experience should be a requirement.

The City Attorney said he had not overlooked that, but explained that only City experience would really help anyone who applied for this job. As the rate of pay will not be high, he thought it unlikely that an experienced person would apply.

Councilman Benstead did not agree.

The City Attorney said he would consider that as a factor, and said he would prefer an experienced man.

Councilman Blount asked if this is not a Civil Service job, and if so, what the last phrase, 'unassembled examination', meant.

The City Attorney explained this meant they would not be examined in one room, but would be given individual examinations.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if he had taken that kind of examination, and the City Attorney said he had.

Councilman Jahn thought a written examination should be given. He thought that experience should also be required.

The City Attorney said experience would be a factor.

Mr. Remelmeyer thought perhaps it would be well to ask Kroeger Associates what they thought of the written examination for attorneys.

After further discussion, Mayor Isen moved to amend the job description to add that a further requirement of three years of active practice would be required after having been licensed to practice by the California State Bar.

Mrs. Mahoney, 3333 W. 175th Street, asked why the City Attorney has said he prefers to assign the work to this man to having the duties assigned by the Council.

Mayor Isen explained that was a supervisory function.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved the applicants be required to take the same examination as other City employees, both oral and written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked why the term "Deputy" was used here instead of "Assistant".

Councilman Drale moved this job be termed 'Assistant City Attorney'.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

4. In a letter dated May 7, 1958, the City Manager submitted to the Council an analysis of our telephone communication system and various suggested methods of relieving the present overload. The letter stated that the 'Dial System' would be the most appropriate to adopt.

Mayor Isen asked if this was submitted for consideration with the new budget.

The City Manager replied that the survey had been made in accordance with Council instruction to him some time ago. He said it would take from 6 to 9 months to install the preferred system.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City Manager recommended that we adopt the new dial PBX system, and the City Manager said he was.

City Manager Stevens said this would, in the long run, cost us much less than the installation of a new board and another operator.

Councilman Beasley asked if a motion must be made for the City Manager to negotiate the contract, and moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager for this system and that negotiations be commenced on the contract.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. The City Manager concurred with a recommendation to him by Casper Clemmer which was dated May 8, 1958, in which Mr. Clemmer recommended that the bids on the Mobile Aerial Tower be awarded as follows:

Item #1	Vel's Ford Sales Co.	\$3,083.36 inc. tax
Item #2	American Equip. & Body Co.	\$8,372.00

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Items 1 and 2.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale asked if all the bids had been submitted at the right time, and the City Manager said they had.

Councilman Blount pleaded lack of understanding of the question of what we were having bids on; he said this was called a 'Mobile Aerial Tower', but that he assumed Item 1 was a truck, however, he



noted that the Minutes of the May 6, 1958, meeting, Page 4, show only one bid opened and read under the item calling for bids on trucks. He assumed that "Item 1" was a truck, but said it wasn't called a truck. Councilman Blount professed to be confused by this.

Mayor Isen asked if this meant that Councilman Blount felt there was an error in the Minutes of the May 6 meeting.

Councilman Blount said he did not find Item 1 listed there under the heading calling for bids on trucks.

Mayor Isen asked for a motion rescinding approval of the May 6, 1958, Minutes so the recorder can be checked.

Councilman Jahn moved to rescin action approving the Minutes of the May 6 meeting of the Council so the recorder can be checked to verify the Minutes.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen ordered the material submitted under Item I-5 on this Agenda be reconsidered next week after the record has been checked.

At 9:15 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:25 P. M.

Councilman Blount did not return to the meeting subsequent to the recess.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Items 1-4 were applications for sign permits for over-sized signs. At the request of Councilman Jahn, Bldg. Supt. Schlens displayed for the Council the sketches of the proposed signs and the applications and plans for them. These were discussed at length.

1. A May 1, 1958, application from Rich Sign & Neon Co., asking permission to erect a sign over 42 sq. ft. in size at the Laundermat, 24006 Hawthorne Blvd., Waltheria.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would be immediately adjacent to the highway, and Bldg. Supt. Schlens said yes, and that he thought they would have to get an encroachment permit for it from the State. Councilman Beasley moved to deny this application.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked that the motion be amended to show the denial is without prejudice, and if they wish to correct the sign it will be reconsidered.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion to show this was denied without prejudice.

Amendment accepted in the second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. Under date of April 16, 1958, G. H. Willson submitted an application for a pole sign to be erected at 22217 Palos Verdes Blvd., the new Southwood Shopping Center.

Councilman Drale moved to deny this application without prejudice.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, and so ordered.

3. A May 1, 1958, application from the Rich Sign & Neon Co. asked permission to erect a sign over 42 sq. ft. at Burko's, 23831 Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilman Drale moved to grant this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

4. A May 1, 1958, application from J. W. Rich, Rich Sign & Neon Co., asked permission to erect a sign over 42 sq. ft. at Grant Realty Co., 3717 W. 190th St.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and discussed at some length.

Councilman Beasley said he had not realized when he seconded the motion that there were no other signs in that same area.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the application without prejudice. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

5. A May 6, 1958, memo from W. Heath & Co., Inc., requested permission to erect a double faced standard Signal Oil sign about 120 sq. ft. to go on a pole, at 22001 Western Avenue in Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved this request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. A May 7, 1958, letter from J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Torrance Fire Department, requested permission from the Council to use \$5,000 of his budget which has not been expended and that the Council appropriate another \$3,200 for his Department for the purpose of enlarging the Department's headquarters.

Mayor Isen commented that if it had been possible to save the \$5,000 it was a real compliment to Chief Benner's management, and that the money should come back into the Unappropriated Reserves of the City to aid where needed for the balance of this Fiscal Year.

Councilman Benstead requested that Chief Benner and the other members of the Council Committee concerned with the Fire Department arrange to meet this week.

After some discussion, it was agreed this meeting would be held in Chief Benner's office at 5:15 P. M. Wednesday, May 14, in the Fire Chief's office.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the Committee, as Councilman Drale commented that he had noted certain repairs were needed on the Fire Department Headquarters.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. A May 2, 1958, letter from Chief of Police Bennett requested permission from the Council to send Lt. Cook, our juvenile officer, to the Annual Meeting of the International Juvenile Officers Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 21, 22, and 23, 1958, with \$255.39 being appropriated to pay for this trip.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if the Council had not established a policy under which only the Heads of Departments would be sent to such meetings, and then they were to choose the most useful meeting of the year and attend only that one.

Councilman Benstead thought only the Heads of Departments should be sent.

The City Manager said others have gone to such meetings as the representatives of the City.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Lt. Cook might be considered as a sub-Head of a Department, as the Juvenile Department is such an important part of our Police Department.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the request of the Police Chief, with the stipulation that this practice be very closely watched.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

The City Manager assured the Council that such trips would be closely checked both as to personnel attending meetings and the number of meetings attended.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A May 7, 1958, request from Cub Scout Pack 240C for permission to obtain a free license for conducting a Carnival at Walteria Park May 18, 1958. This was signed by Willard B. Pattison, Committee Secretary.

A memo appended from the Deputy License Inspector recommended the request be granted subject to the filing of the proper insurance.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive the insurance requirement, as he said it was too expensive for such one-day coverage.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney where we could draw the line on such requests.

The City Attorney replied that this is a difficult question and he could not answer it without further research.

The City Attorney reported that the YWCA had made a similar request for their carnival shortly to be held on City property.

Mayor Isen asked if we are insured anyway, and the City Attorney replied that we are, and the reason we require this extra coverage is for the purpose of keeping our premiums as low as we can, and being sure we can have insurance for the City.

Councilman Bradford said an organization to which he belongs takes out insurance similar to this from Lloyd's.

The City Attorney explained that some time ago the Council had adopted a policy of requiring such insurance.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to look into this question to see if we should require this from such groups as the YWCA and the Scouts.

The amendment to the motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale said he voted against this because he thought the insurance could and should be obtained.

Motion, as amended, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

The City Attorney asked if the YWCA might also have this privilege, and the answer was affirmative.

2. A May 6, 1958, request from the North Torrance Babe Ruth Little League for a free license to operate a concession stand and public address system was signed by R. O. Aggen, Secretary.

Deputy License Inspector Litzinger recommended granting this request subject to the necessary health permit being granted and said permission has been approved by Assistant Chief of Police Porter.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant this request.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. A request from the Women of the Moose, Torrance Chapter No. 44, for permission to hold a Spring Bazaar on May 17 under a free license was signed by Edna Harbison, Senior Regent.

The Deputy License Inspector, Mr. Henry Litzinger, recommended this request be granted.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant the request.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. As directed by the Council, the City Attorney submitted an opinion dated May 8, 1958, as to whether or not the increased park and playground fee and the new requirement for street lighting applied to

those tracts on which the tentative, but not the final, maps had been approved before the adoption of the ordinance or resolution.

The City Attorney said that "In my opinion, the Council has the authority to adopt a policy that the provisions of said ordinance and resolution shall be applied to tracts where the tentative tract map, but not the final tract map, was approved prior to the date of the passage of said ordinance or resolution, as the case may be."

Mayor Isen moved to adopt a policy of collecting the increased fees and to require street lighting standards.

Councilman Jahn protested that this would possibly increase the builder's costs too much; he pointed out we had passed only one tentative tract under this.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion, and moved we collect those fees of \$500 for park and playground purposes and that the street lighting be required on all tracts from now on.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that this motion was, in effect, adoption of the other policy.

Councilman Beasley felt this would make the law retroactive.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the second requirement would follow automatically; he felt if a tentative map had been approved, we should abide by that approval.

Councilman Beasley agreed.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney what motivated his opinion.

The City Attorney replied that his opinion was a matter of law; he did not adjudicate the adoption of the policy either way. Under the law, the Council may, as his opinion states, adopt the policy they wish.

Mayor Isen thought we should do something about the park and playground fees.

Councilman Jahn did not think we should adopt this policy as a retroactive measure, which he felt it would be.

Councilman Jahn moved the question.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Jahn moved those requirements not be made in tracts where the tentative map has been approved but that the policy apply on any tracts coming in subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance or resolution, respectively.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A May 9, 1958, communication from W. D. Bradford, Secretary to the Civil Service Board, transmitted that Board's recommendation that Mr. George Morehart be authorized to attend the Western Regional Convention of the Public Personnel Association, to be held in Vancouver B. C. on June 4, 5, and 6, and that appropriate expenses be paid.

Councilman Benstead moved this permission be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

The City Manager asked that appropriate expenses should be indicated.

In response to a question, the City Manager replied he had gone to Banff last year for the City and \$300 had been paid toward his expenses.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion; Councilman Jahn withdrew his second to the motion.

The City Manager was instructed to investigate this request and report what would be considered to be appropriate expenses.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. An April 30, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, recommended that the Council donate the obsolete fire truck at the 174th St. Station as a piece of recreation equipment at McMaster Park, to be stripped, installed, and maintained by the Mothers' Club.

Councilman Jahn recommended that the truck be driven to the location and then stripped.

Councilman Beasley reported that the Airport Manager had been interested in trading a truck he has at the Airport for this, a simple exchange of City property.

Fire Chief Benner explained that these two trucks are of different manufacture, and some of the parts from this one might be salvaged for use by his Department.

Mrs. Mahoney, 3333 W. 182nd., thanked the City on behalf of the Mothers' Club for this donation.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that this truck would still be the property of the City, and under the jurisdiction of the Park & Recreation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A May 6, 1958, letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommended release of Bond No. 280555 on Tract No. 18363, in the amount of \$27,000 to James Norris, the subdivider.

A memo attached from Asst. Park Supt. Clemmer reported concurrence in this recommendation.

A location sketch of the tract was also submitted to the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. A May 5, 1958, letter from the City Engineer submitted an Easement Deed dated May 1, 1958, from Viola M. and Clement J. Moreau. This easement is needed for the extension of 169th Place, and the developer will pave the street easement and construct sidewalks, curbs and gutters in accordance with City of Torrance Standards.

A location sketch was attached, as was a letter from Mr. Moreau agreeing to perform the improvements listed.

Councilman Jahn moved this easement be accepted with the stated stipulations.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. CASE NO. 500: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of James & Nora Snyder, 18239 Ashley Avenue for a Variance to construct a second dwelling at above address, legally described as Lot 128, Tract 15933, in Land Use Zone R-1. A location sketch was submitted, along with an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of April 16, 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, subject to all conditions per Exhibit A..

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, subject to approval of the 'document received' by the City Attorney.



Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

2. The Planning Director submitted the following requests for Changes of Zone for the purpose of fixing a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing:

- a. CASE NO. 485: Petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on the Sly 60' of Lot 10, Lots 11 and 12, R. O. Hickman Tract, located at the NE corner of 182nd St. and Prairie Ave., for purpose of establishing a comprehensive zoning plan. Property presently zoned C-2 and A-1.
- b. CASE NO. 488: Petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on SE corner of Maple and Carson from C-1 to R-2; SE corner of Carson & Maple from C-1 to R-3; SE corner of Carson and Madrona to be rezoned from C-1 to Controlled Commercial Zone.
- c. CASE NO. 497: Petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from M-1 to R-1 on property legally described as Tract 16884, situated to Spencer on the north; Garnet on the south; Entradero on the East in the Victor Area, to conform to its present use.
- d. CASE NO. 498: Petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone to rezone certain property known as the Don-Ja-Ran property as follows: Lots 149 to 168 inclusive, Tract 18379 to be rezoned from R-1 to R-3; Lots 143 to 148 inclusive to be rezoned from R-1 to R-4, subject to limitations contained in legal notice.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the date of May 27, 1958, at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber as the date, time, and place for the Third and Final Hearing.

3. CASE NO. 487 - Variance: Planning Director Powell presented Covenant for property covered in Case No. 487, Variance applied for by George J. Rosenblatt.

Councilman Jahn asked Planning Director Powell if this had been recommended after the Covenant had been received.

The City Attorney replied that he had received the Covenant, which runs with the land.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mr. Ed Brown, 18713 Fonhill, asked if the Covenant included provision for permanent ingress and access from 190th Street, and restricted such ingress and egress from Fonhill.

Planning Director Powell reported this was specified and shown in Exhibit A.

Mr. George Rosenblatt, the petitioner, stated that the Covenant did carry this provision.

4. A May 8, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell presented a Covenant on Hyde Park Construction Company (Raymond Wall) regarding an application for a building permit. Attached was an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of March 5, 1958.

The City Attorney reported that he had received the Covenant, which runs with the land, and had found it satisfactory.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in this matter, subject to approval of the City Attorney of the Covenant.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

5. WAIVER: - James K. Sampson, 500 Calle Mayor: Planning Director Powell submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of a request for Waiver of rear yard requirements from 10' to 5'6" at one point of addition.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### REPORTS:

1. The City Treasurer advised that a warrant in the amount of \$14,770.07, representing the quarterly payment of the 5/8¢ gas tax allocation, has been received from the State Department of Public Works.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

##### RESOLUTION NO. 3468

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: NORTHERLY 27 FEET OF LOT 8 IN TRACT 3458.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3468.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated May 8, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 982, unanimously approved by the Council at its first reading on May 6, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

##### ORDINANCE NO. 982

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE VACCINATION WITH RABIES VACCINE OF ALL DOGS KEPT OR HARBORED OR BROUGHT WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 982 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. With a cover letter dated May 8, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 987, unanimously approved by the Council at the first reading held on May 6, 1958, with all Councilmen and the Mayor present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 987

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE OIL WELL DRILLING MAP OF THE CITY SO AS TO PROHIBIT OIL WELL DRILLING WITHIN THREE HUNDRED FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND 230TH STREET.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 987 at its second and final reading.

Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. The City Attorney submitted to the Council for study only an ordinance declaring dairies to be a nuisance, effective January 1, 1959, prohibiting the maintenance of dairies, cow stables, cows and livestock within the city after said date and prohibiting the increase of dairy herds after July 1, 1958.

Mayor Isen announced that before any action would be taken on this, a public hearing would be set up.

Mayor Isen set the date of the Public Hearing on this as June 10, 1958, at 8:00 P. M.

At the request of the Mayor that the Ordinance be given a number, City Clerk Bartlett numbered this Ordinance No. 983.

Sidney Bliefeldt, attorney for the dairy people, felt that the 8:00 P. M. Hearing will lead to trouble because he thought there would be a number of witnesses who would like to give testimony in this matter. He thought they might need as much as two hours.

Mayor Isen replied it has been the policy of the Council to set Hearings at 8:00 P. M. as a convenience to the public. He also told the attorney that he might help the Council by presenting affidavits to them for study, instead of having witnesses. He explained there is no requirement for a public hearing, or that testimony be taken. He believed the affidavits which Mr. Bliefeldt could present would serve their purpose better, as the Council would have time to study and analyze them.

Mr. Bliefeldt said the people involved wanted to be heard.

Mayor Isen directed that the record show that he had informed Mr. Bliefeldt that the Council is not bound to hold a public hearing on this, but will hold it as a courtesy. There is no requirement that testimony be received, and the Council would prefer to have affidavits present.

Mayor Isen directed the City Clerk to have copies of this proposed



ordinance available for the interested persons so that they may pick them up for study.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilman Jahn said some of the items on the Agenda for information only were of interest. He referred to such an item having to do with the club house; he asked if the second claim had to do with the fill, and asked if that were true.

The City Attorney did not have that material.

Councilman Jahn asked to have a report on this matter, saying a lot of money is involved.

The City Attorney said he would check and give the Council such a report.

The City Attorney reported to the Council that the City had won the case brought against it in the Bledsoe matter.

The City Attorney reported that James Hall has resigned as Special Counsel of the City; no date was set in the letter from Mr. Hall, but the City Attorney asked that the date of May 15, 1958, be set in order that a termination date could be established for the purpose of payment for services.

Mayor Isen moved the resignation of Mr. Hall as special Counsel be accepted as of May 15, 1958.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen directed that the usual letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Hall.

The City Attorney reported he is working on litigation involving the right of the City to require the dedication of land for the purpose of street widening. There is a great deal of research to be done on this, and Attorney Remelmyer requested permission to employ a research attorney at the relatively low cost of about \$3 or \$4 an hour to do his research in this matter. He stated he would prefer to hire a young man who has passed his bar examinations for this.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to use a local man for this if it is possible.

The City Attorney asked if the YWCA needs insurance to hold their carnival on the City property they have had permission to use.

Mayor Isen moved to let them waive this requirement, along the same lines as the action taken on the Cub Scout request earlier in the evening.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Beasley said about two weeks ago a member of this Council had asked a question about a Commissioner using free tie-down space and the Airport and his right thereto.

Mayor Isen suggested this be withheld until Councilman Blount, who had asked that question, is present.

Councilman Jahn thought that would be in order, as did Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Beasley reported that he had talked to the Airport Manager and his assistant and had checked their books, and found that no such use was being made.

Councilman Jahn thought it wrong for a member of the Council to make such an allegation without following through on it.

Councilman Bradford agreed.

Mayor Isen said this might come up again next week under Oral Communications.

Mr. Bates of Bates Aviation, 940 W. 120th St., Hawthorne, asked to have a place on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

Mayor Isen told him that he should reply to the letter they have received from the City Manager about their request to lease space at Torrance Airport. The Mayor told Mr. Bates we could not negotiate with them until the point of their dispensing petroleum products has been settled.

Mr. Bates said they would have to insist on selling gas.

The Mayor said there was no use of talking about it more, as the Council does not want to negotiate on that point. He directed Mr. Bates to review the correspondence they have had with the City. He told him if he wished to negotiate further, without asking to sell gasoline or petroleum products, they should reply to the letter from the City Manager, who would see that the matter is placed on the agenda.

Mr. Elvin Schoonover, a resident of WALTERIA, asked if the City had control over the traffic at the airport, saying some of the planes go up over the homes south of the highway and they would like to have this stopped.

Councilman Jahn explained that we do not have any control over the planes after they leave the ground, and explained to the audience the division of control.

Councilman Jahn suggested that in the case of the specific offenders mentioned by Mr. Schoonover, he discuss them with the Airport Manager, who might be able to work out some way of controlling them with the persons involved.

Councilman Beasley asked if we might not be able to prohibit the persons who continue to offend from using the airport.

Councilman Jahn said we cannot refuse the right to use the airport to transient aircraft, although we can refuse to rent tie-down space to them if we are sure who is involved.

This was discussed at some length.

Councilman Beasley moved these questions be forwarded to the Airport Commission for their consideration.

Councilman Jahn said he would second such a motion if the questions were referred to the Airport Manager.

Councilman Beasley agreed to this.

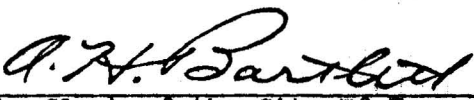
There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Martha Riggle told the Council the residents in that area hoped for tighter control.

Mayor Isen assured Mrs. Riggle that the Council will do whatever can be done in this regard.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance,  
California

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance